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unto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

(Signed) Thomas McClendon,
Louisa X McClendon,
(her mark)

Witnesses: Donald McDonald,
Joel McClendon.

North Carolina 6)
Cumberland County 0

January Term, 1775.

Herewith witnesseth the execution of this deed in open court in due form of law, proved by the oath of Donald McDonald, and ordered to be recorded,

(Signed) Thomas Rutherford.

There is a tradition that the dead were brought to this place for burial from far down the Cape Fear, and even from Roberson County, Richmond and Anson. Near to the graveyard may yet be seen the dim remains of the old race path where horse racing was engaged in after the funerals. This was a relic of the Pictish Wake, which is said to be practised in Ireland, and in a modified form, in the highlands of Scotland to this day.

Probably not more than one-tenth of the graves at this place are legibly marked; but it would require a page or more to give the names of all those that are marked; hence we will give only a few:

Christian McLean, 1780-1851,
Norman McLeod, died 1836, age 27,
Mary Ahn McLeod, died 1859, age 85,
Kenneth Murchison, died 1817,
Malcom Morrison, died 1829, age 72,
(This was the father of Col. John Morrison, who was Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County for 22 years)
Catherine Bethune, died 1827, age 78 years,
(This lady was the grandmother of the late T. B. Tyson of Carthage)
Benjamin A. Person, dies 1827, aged 87,
John Tyson, 1784-1851
Margaret, his wife, died 1863, aged 88 years,
(These are the parents of the late Thos. B. Tyson, and the great grand parents of T. B. Tyson, the present manager of Tyson-Jones Buggy Company)
Alexander McCaskill, died 1861, aged 70 years,
John Patterson, 1777-1842,
Alexander McIntosh 1773-1845.
H. McIntosh, 1771-1809
Norman McLeod, died Mar. 12th, 1808.
(This Norman McLeod came from Scotland in 1760 when 6 years old. His wife came in the same vessel. She being then a child 6 months old)

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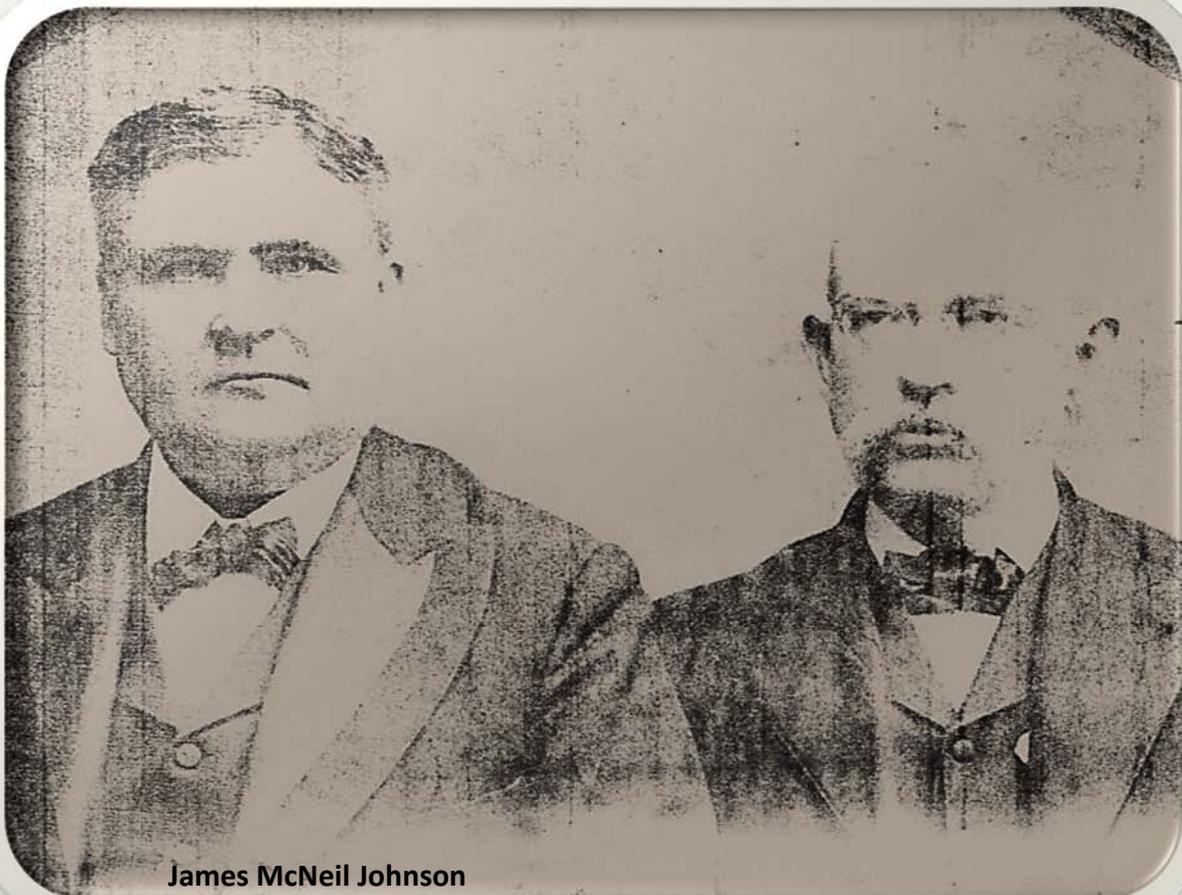
Captain John Morrison, who as above stated, was for a long time Moore County's Superior Court Clerk, lies buried in this grave yard, but his grave is unmarked. The monument intended for his grave has lain in a shed at Carthage for 40 years. It is inscribed as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of Col. John Morrison, who was born in Bensalem Township, Moore County, July 5th, 1803, died in Carthage 12th of May, 1870"

In this cemetery the earliest settlers sleep: the aged man and infant child lie side by side, emphasizing the brevity of life and the small difference between a long life and a short one "All that tread the globe are but a handful to the tribe that slumber in its bosom"

Aberdeen, N. C.

J.



James McNeil Johnson